5

10

ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a computer-implemented process for extracting information from a Page/Image Archive (PIA) file. An embodiment of the invention includes a computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions that cause a computer to receive at least one user-selected parameter related to the information to be extracted from the PIA file. The computer also receives the PIA formatted file and converts it to a file format suitable for extraction of information based upon the user-selected parameter. The computer further extracts information from the converted PIA file based on the user-selected parameter; and exposes the extracted information. The instructions may also include exposing the extracted information to a computer-implemented process that uses statistical algorithms to discover patterns and correlations in the extracted information. The present invention also provides a computer-implemented process for extracting information from a PIA file.